

Claims

8. A tractor comprising:

a chassis including front and rear axles, the rear axle being a drive axle having a pair of drive wheels attached thereto;

an operator's station having a seat for an operator;

a cargo box supported by the chassis generally above the rear axle, the cargo box having a floor and upright walls; and

a hitch ball mounted above the rear axle for attachment of a trailer to the tractor.

9. The tractor as defined by claim 8 wherein the hitch ball is removably mounted above the rear axle.

10. The tractor as defined by claim 8 wherein the hitch ball extends upward through an opening in the floor of the cargo box.

11. The tractor as defined by claim 10 wherein the hitch ball is removably mounted to the tractor and further comprising a cover to close the opening in the cargo box floor when the hitch ball is removed.

12. The tractor as defined by claim 9 wherein the hitch ball is fixed to a plate member and the tractor further comprises a pair of facing channels having an open end that receive opposite edges of the plate member to removably mount the plate and hitch ball to the tractor.

13. The tractor as defined by claim 12 further comprising a catch to close the open end of the channels to trap the plate member therein.

14. The tractor as defined by claim 8 further comprising a three point hitch with links extending rearward beyond the rear axle.

15. The tractor as defined by claim 8 further comprising a draw bar extending rearward from the axle.